

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, which amends claim 1, and 3-5, cancels claim 13, and adds new claims 14-22, claims 1-8 and 14-22 will be pending. In the office action, the specification was objected to, claims 3, 4, and 5 were rejected under 35 USC 112 for having insufficient antecedent basis; claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Dahlin et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0078215, hereinafter “Dahlin”); claims 1-3 and 6-8 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Matsuzawa et al. (Patent No. 6,085,185, hereinafter “Matsuzawa”); and claims 1-3 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Klemets et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,449,653, hereinafter “Klemets”). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments above and remarks below.

Claim 1 was rejected separately under Dahlin, Matsuzawa, and Klemets. None of these references disclose or suggest every element of claim 1, as amended. For example, none of the references disclose or suggest an annotation marker that is displayed with a frame when the frame is displayed during playback of a plurality of frames in a production where the annotation marker shows a visual relationship of the annotation information’s relevance to the frame. As described in the specification in paragraphs 31-34, the annotation marker tells a user how the annotation information is intended to relate to the frame underlying the annotation marker displayed. For example, in embodiments of the present invention, the annotation marker may indicate that the annotation information is only relevant to the underlying frame. Also, the annotation marker may indicate that the annotation information may be relevant to the underlying frame and also additional frames, such as frames subsequent to the underlying frame.

Applicants submit that none of the cited references disclose or suggest the above element. For example, Dahlin discloses a system where the user may annotate medical findings. These medical findings do not disclose or suggest a plurality of frames. Rather, they are single pictures in which a user can annotate each single picture. Playback of a plurality of frames is thus not disclosed or suggested in Dahlin. Further,

Dahlin discloses that annotation information is displayed with the medical finding. Nowhere in Dahlin is it disclosed or suggested that an annotation marker is displayed with the frame and shows a visual relationship of the annotation information's relevance to the frame.

Matsuzawa is directed toward a system for storing video and audio data. Matsuzawa allows a user to give common information, which may be stored with a range of the audio and visual data. However, nowhere in Matsuzawa is it disclosed or suggested that an annotation marker shows a visual relationship of the annotation information's relevance to a frame.

Klemets discloses annotation streams that display data with a graphical user interface. Nowhere in Klemets is it disclosed or suggested that an annotation marker showing a visual relationship of the annotation information's relevance to the frame.

Using the annotation marker provides many advantages. For example, using the annotation marker may not clutter a screen that is displaying the production. Further, showing a visual relationship of the annotation information's relevance to the frame quickly indicates to a user what relationship the annotation information has to the frame. Also, a user can decide whether to cause display of the annotation information based on the annotation marker.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1. Claims 2-8 and 14-18 depend from claim 1 and thus derive patentability at least therefrom. These claims also recite additional non-obvious and novel features. For example, claim 15 recites that the annotation marker is displayed in the frame being displayed. Further, claim 16 recites that the annotation marker indicates that a number of additional frames that are associated with the annotation marker. Also, claim 17 recites that an action is taken when the annotation marker is selected, where the action can be displaying the annotation information (claim 18).

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 19-22 should be allowable for at least a similar rationale as discussed with respect to claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly sought. The undersigned may

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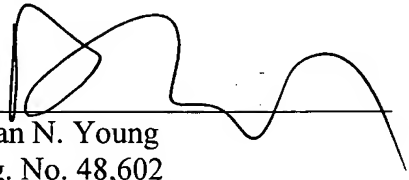
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